



CITY OF DOVER

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Thursday, December 16, 2021**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

Members Present: Vice Chairman Dave Dinzeo, Michelle Muffett-Lipinski, Doug Kemp, Kate Surman, Lynn Peterson, Timothy Casey

Unexcused Members Absent: Chairman Gary Gilmore

Alternate Members Present: Chris Sleys

Staff Present: John Storer, Community Services Director, Mike Moore, Solid Waste Coordinator, Jennifer Bretz, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

2. Citizens Forum

Bill Stafford, 217 Washington Street, asked why Dover isn't stepping up and doing something about the recycling containers.

Moore stated that there is currently only one company that offers a lid for the recycling bin. When the city goes out to bid and chooses a vendor, it's typically the lowest bidder. The reason the city didn't go with the toter system was due to the cost. The city would have had to purchase 16-17k toters which was not financially feasible. Recycling toters with lids would help to lessen the amount of recycling blowing around but unfortunately, it is not financially feasible.

Stafford asked why the city doesn't make the homeowner responsible for the purchase of the recycling bin.

Moore stated that it's voluntary to use the city recycling bins.

Casey stated that he witnessed a truck picking up recycling with the arms.

Moore stated that he would have to contact Waste Management to find out more information about that.

Stafford stated that he would like to propose that the city works on obtaining better recycling bins.

Deb Clough stated that while she's no longer a resident of Dover, she is a part of a Dover group called "Don't Trash Dover". She would like to announce that there is a one-hour litter pickup in Dover on Saturday. Every month the group chooses a different location in Dover to clean up.

3. Approval of Minutes of December 12, 2019

Motion: Casey made the motion to approve the minutes, Kemp seconded.

Vote: U/a

4. Monthly Update

A. Financials

Monthly financials were reviewed.

5. Recycling Center

A. Yard Waste

Moore stated that the recycling center is extremely busy with yard waste. They've had to haul the 40-yard container 48 times within the last six weeks. Last year was the yard waste tonnage was, approximately, 1,280 tons of yard waste.



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B. Scale Repairs

Moore stated that the Recycling Center scale has been struck by lightning three times. Lightning protection had already been in place. They've since installed a second unit of lightning protection that is supposed to stop the lightning strike from reaching the indicator. The indicator is the most expensive part of the scale. The most recent lightning struck two load cells, it burnt out the indicator, the printer and the computer. The total cost of repairs was \$5,300. The City of Dover recycling center is the only center in the state to have both forms of lightning protection in place. Since this was the third lightning strike, the city's insurance company wanted them to install the second unit.

6. Curbside Collection

A. Curbside Leaf Pickup through 12/3/2021

Moore stated that Waste Management collects leaf bags for six weeks. They did a good job collecting all of the yard waste. We had minimal reports of missed bags. He will have the tonnage collected at the next meeting. WM hasn't provided the total yet.

B. Trash Bag Deliveries

Moore stated that the city's trash bag contractor is Waste Zero. They are located in North Carolina. Waste Zero has had a problem keeping up with the city's trash bag orders. He's been trying to form a relationship with a company out of Maine. He's going to try to find out how much the cost would be for them to produce the bags. He would like to keep his options open in case the current contractor is unable to fulfill the city's orders. There is currently a contract in place but he's worried about not having enough trash bags to fulfill the store orders.

C. New Bulky Tag Color

Moore stated that the city has switched vendors to produce the bulky tags. The tags will no longer be orange. They are now going to be bright lime green however the orange tags will still be accepted if residents have them to use.

7. New Business

A. State of NH Solid Waste/Recycling - Gary Gilmore (not present)

8. Old Business - None

9. Next Meeting Date

March 17, 2022

10. Adjournment

Motion: Casey made the motion to adjourn at 6:47 p.m., Kemp seconded.

Vote: U/a